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Title:

MULTI-FUNCTIONAL PLASMON-  
RESONANT CONTRAST AGENTS  
FOR OPTICAL COHERENCE  
TOMOGRAPHY

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 31, 2007, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.